

Special Notice

Reservations not required
Vaccinated—Masks optional
Not vaccinated—Masks required
Please maintain a minimum of 3 feet
between non-family members

You may still join us for Worship on Cox
channel 13 or live streamed at [https://
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KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

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July 10 & 11, 2021

Kountze Food Pantry

Volunteers Needed:

Mondays, 7:30 - 9 AM, 9 - 11 AM, 11 AM - 1 PM

Fridays, 4 - 7 PM

If you are able to volunteer, please sign up by using
the link below:

<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

We are in great need of toilet paper! We also need new
or like new reusable tote bags (we cannot reuse
plastic grocery sacks), cereal, and full-sized hygiene
products. Please place your donated items in the
shopping cart as you enter for church, in the donation
box in the Fellowship Hall, or in the church office. Your
contributions are greatly appreciated!

Today at Kountze

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor
of their 71st wedding anniversary given by Bill &
Madaline Christensen

Eternal Candle is given to the glory of God in loving
memory of Robert Ray (2/27/21), father of Richard
Ray

Attendance and Giving

Saturday Attendance: 37

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 118

Wednesday Attendance: 11

Total: 166

Streaming Attendance: 70

Cox Cable Attendance: 221

Pantry Guests Served: 218 (Friday only. Closed
Monday in observance of July 4.)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 26

Offering:

\$11,049.00 (Regular) \$5,793.12 (Specials)

\$2,189.50 (Debt Reduction)

Coffee Hour

Please feel free to stop for coffee in the Fellowship Hall
following service today. We need volunteers to help
serve coffee and cookies. If you can help, please see
Jim Smejkal (402-341-7761 or jim@kmlchurch.org).

Holy Play

Ages 3 yrs - 6th grade

Sundays through August 29

10:15 - 11:00 AM

Children from 3 years to 6th grade are invited to join
Pastor Shari and the Middle and High School Youth in
the Kountze Green Space each Sunday (June 20 –
August 29). We will be playing games, singing songs,
sharing a snack, and getting to know each other better.
Parents are encouraged to share coffee time with
others or join in the fun!

Congregation Meeting for Elections

Our Regular Election Meeting will be held on

Sunday, August 22nd

10:10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

This year's nominating
committee consists of
Scott Henneman,
Kathe Andersen,
Donald Johnson, Jim
Marcum, Bruce Nissen,
and Liz Pemberton.



The term of Scott Henneman ends and a replacement
is needed. The terms of Mike Jensen, Ann Miller, and
Steve Hinrichs are complete but all are eligible for re-
election. Sarah Penn's term is up on the Endowment
Board and she is eligible for another term.

Persons interested in any of these positions for
themselves or to nominate someone else should
forward name(s) to Pastor Olaf (olaf@kmlchurch.org).

God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 6:14-29	The death of John the Baptist
Monday	Amos 7:7-15	Vision of setting a plumb line
Tuesday	Ephesians 1:3-14	Thanksgiving for blessings
Wednesday	Psalms 86:1-17	Save me, Lord
Thursday	Deuteronomy 7:7-11	A chosen people
Friday	Leviticus 26:1-13	Rewards for obedience
Saturday	Psalms 85:8-13	God speaks peace to the people
Sunday	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Jesus teaches and heals

taking
faith
home

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Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Psalm 85:10 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

God of glory and might, guide the rulers of the earth toward justice and mercy for the sake of peace in your world through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may we see in this food a banquet filled with your love that brings justice and peace to all the earth. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May our God and the Lord Jesus Christ bless you with love and faithfulness. (Psalm 85:10)

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- If you had a magic wand, what would you want to do or have happen?
- We like to have power, but power can be misused and be insensitive to others. Give an example of someone misusing their power.
- Jesus brings a power full of love and faithfulness. Where do you see that power in action?

Read: Mark 6:14-29.

This story of the beheading of John the Baptist at a banquet hosted by King Herod presents an image of contrasts. This story comes between last week's Gospel reading about Jesus' disciples traveling without riches or power of their own and staying with others as guests. The Gospel reading two weeks from now is about Jesus' own banquet of feeding hungry souls on a hillside. Jesus treated the people with compassion like a shepherd caring for the sheep. Earthly powers represented by Herod bend toward corruption, greed, violence, and impulsive actions without thought of consequences. Jesus' rule brings people together in peace, feeds the multitudes out of love, and brings healing and an end to demonic powers. We are reminded that earthly powers and governments are not the rule that wins the day in God's universe. We are called to an ordering of life where *"love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other"* (Psalm 85:10). How does Jesus' power in your life influence your thoughts and actions?

Pray: **Shepherding God, in a world that seeks to dominate and humiliate others, we thank you for your reign of love and faithfulness that will never let us go through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In our forms of government, local, regional, and national representatives need to hear from us, especially about issues that relate to our moral resolve. How have you voiced your views on current issues?

Psalm 85 talks about peace. Verse 8 states, *"Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts."* Make a list or draw a picture of what brings peace to you. Then, read the verse slowly three times. Pause after each reading and wonder what God may be saying to you today. Close by praying the Lord's Prayer.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**